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## KEEP MARIETTA BEAUTIFUL ENCOURAGES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN EARTH DAY-RELATED ACTIVITIES



Cobb County residents, the City of Marietta, and Keep Marietta Beautiful will join environmentally conscious people around the world in celebrating Earth Day on April 22.

Keep Marietta Beautiful plans to get an early start on the festivities, with Great American Clean Up activities scheduled for Saturday, March 29, 2003. Joan Ellars, executive director of Keep Marietta Beautiful, invites anyone who wishes to get involved with the Great American Cleanup to contact her at 770-794-5606.

"I will also gladly assist anyone who wishes to organize a neighborhood cleanup by providing trash bags and other materials," Ellars said.



The events leading up to Earth Day 2003 will continue in April, when one of Keep Marietta Beautiful programs, Marietta Tree

Keepers, will hold tree plantings at locations around the city. For example, tree plantings will take place at Marietta High School and in areas surrounding Cole Street and Lemon Street.

"The Marietta City Council has a vision of ensuring that trees remain a prominent part of the city's landscape," Ellars said. "The Marietta Tree Keepers and Keep Marietta Beautiful program plays an important role in making that vision a reality."

Ellars added that anyone who wishes to join the Keep Marietta Beautiful organization or volunteer to assist with tree plantings should contact her at 770-794-5606.

By participating in these events, Cobb County residents can join hundreds of



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## City of Marietta Sponsors Storm Water Awareness Program

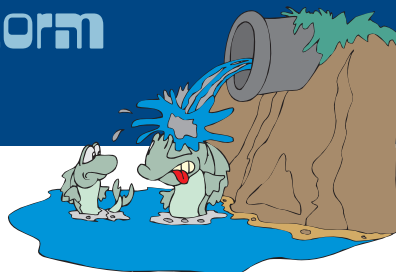
Volunteers throughout our community recently began placing curb markers next to storm drains as part of the Storm Water Awareness Program sponsored by the City of Marietta.

The message on the markers, "Keep It Clean," reminds people that water entering storm drains flows directly to nearby streams and not to wastewater plants. These streams supply water to the Chattahoochee River and Lake Allatoona.

In other words, you should think of our city streets as waterfront property. Storm water runoff from your roof, yard, and driveway goes directly into the stream. Storm water runoff

also washes street litter, yard waste, excess lawn fertilizers and pesticides, sediment from construction sites, and residue from oil leaks on streets, driveways, and parking lots into our streams. The streams then carry these materials into the Chattahoochee River or Lake Allatoona.

You can help keep these harmful substances out of our streams in a variety of ways. First and foremost, never dump anything down a storm drain that you wouldn't swim in or drink.



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You can also help by volunteering to place “Keep It Clean” markers throughout the City of Marietta. Many homeowners association have already participated in the effort, but many other locations still need a marker. These locations include industrial and commercial areas of Marietta, as well as many of the main roadways in our community.

The City will also make the markers available to any business that wishes to promote clean water by installing “Keep It Clean” markers in its parking lots or by distributing the markers to its employees and customers.

You can also help improve the water quality of our lakes and streams in other ways. For example:

- Follow label instructions and apply appropriate amounts of fertilizers and pesticides to your lawn or garden.

- Bring leftover paints and pesticides to an approved collection facility.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Wash your car on the lawn and not on the driveway or street.
- Pick up pet wastes.
- Don’t litter.

For more information, or to volunteer to place “Keep It Clean” markers in strategic locations throughout our community, please contact Wayne McGary at 770-794-8110 or at [wmcgary@city.marietta.ga.us](mailto:wmcgary@city.marietta.ga.us). We also encourage you to visit our web site at [www.city.marietta.ga.us/pw/eng/npdes.htm](http://www.city.marietta.ga.us/pw/eng/npdes.htm). ⚡



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millions of people around the world in maintaining a clean and healthy environment for generations to come. They will also continue a tradition that began in 1970, after then-U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin proposed “a nationwide environmental protest to “shake up the political establishment and force this issue onto the national agenda.”

More than 20 million Americans took part in the first Earth Day activities. The surprisingly large turnout prompted U.S. lawmakers to create the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and pass the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and Endangered Species Act.

In the 32 years since the first Earth Day, the celebration has gone global. In 1990, more than 200 million people in 141 countries participated in Earth Day festivities. By 2000, festivals and events had expanded into 184 countries and involved more than a quarter of a billion people.

Of course, many communities around the world don’t limit environmentally friendly activities to Earth Day.

For example, as Ellars likes to say, “Every day is Earth Day in Marietta.” ⚡



## Calendar of Events

### March 29

*The Hunt 2003*

Jim R. Miller Park

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Free

Call 770-528-8853 for information

### Through April 20

*“Tartuffe”*

*By Moliere*

Theatre In The Square

Tuesday - Saturday 8 p.m.,

Sunday 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Call 770-422-8369 for tickets and information

### April 2-20, 2003

*“Howie The Rookie”*

*By Mark O’rowe*

Theatre In The Square

8 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday;

2:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday

Call 770-422-8369 for information

### April 3-4, 2003

*“The Velveteen Rabbit”*

Cobb Civic Center

9:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Call 770-528-8450 for information

### April 11-May 10

*“Arsenic And Old Lace”*

*By Cobb Players*

Little General/Cobb

Community Playhouse

8 p.m. on Fridays and

Saturdays and 3 p.m. on Sundays

Call 770-565-3995 for information

### April 12

*Easter Egg Hunt*

Laurel Park

11 a.m. - Free

Call 770-794-5601 for information